## **AGENDA ITEM**

October 15, 2019

Subject: Establishment of Monarch Butterfly habitat

Department: Parks & Recreation

Nevada Parks & Recreation is partnering with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to establish Monarch Butterfly habitats in Nevada. The MDC Community Conservation Grant and other local donations will fund the planting and labor at the sites. There is no cost to the City other than upkeep of the habitat area. Proposed habitat locations include the upper area of Radio Springs Park and the North Campus property along Ash Street.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1543**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI PARTNERING WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION TO ESTABLISH MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITATS IN NEVADA, MISSOURI.

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species and Missouri serves as a summer breeding ground for the insect and it holds a portion of the monarch's migratory flyway; and

**WHEREAS**, 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the past 10 years, almost one-third of the entire population has been lost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Conservation through the Community Conservation Grant program desires to establish butterfly habitats in the Nevada area; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** The City Manager of the City of Nevada, Missouri is hereby authorized to allow the establishment of butterfly habitat on City property.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED,** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

(seal) ATTEST:	George Knox, Mayor
ATTEST.	
Johnna Williams, City Clerk	